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The Honorable
William Belton
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.
American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro

Dear Bill:

I have been very interested in some recent reporting on the political position of Delfim Neto. In Brasilia 92, Steve Low reported Filinto Muller's belief that Delfim welcomes the present political situation and is giving Gama e Silva support for long-term suspension of Congress. I gather that this is quite different from the position of those who argue, perhaps persuasively, that Congress should not be in a hurry to give away its few remaining functions in order, say, to open in April instead of July.

Don Syvrud's A-118 reports the possibility that Delfim is trying to mislead the President as to the seriousness with which we view IA-5 and subsequent repressive measures.

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I would appreciate anything further you may develop on this subject. There seems to be substantial agreement on the wisdom of Delfim's economic policies, but the accompanying political pressures may be something else. I would welcome any further reporting you may be in a position to develop.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Low, Brasilia

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